

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

Claims 1-112. (Cancelled).

113. (Currently amended) An injectable hydrogel composition comprising a physically cross-linked hydrogel, wherein the cross-linked hydrogel is substantially free of chemical crosslinkers.

114. (Currently amended) An injectable hydrogel composition comprising a physically cross-linked polyvinyl alcohol, wherein the hydrogel composition is prepared by mixing comprising at least about ~~[[10]]~~ 1.0 weight percent polyvinyl alcohol with a solution gelled by immersion in of about ~~[[2]]~~ 1.5 to about ~~[[3]]~~ 6.0 molar sodium chloride, thereby forming a wherein the hydrogel is about 14 percent to about 21 percent physically crosslinked injectable hydrogel.

115. (Currently amended) The injectable physically cross-linked hydrogel composition of claim 114, wherein the physically crosslinked injectable hydrogel ~~[[gel]]~~ comprises about ~~[[12]]~~ 1.0 to about ~~[[29]]~~ 50.0 weight percent polyvinyl alcohol.

116. (Currently amended) The injectable physically cross-linked hydrogel composition of claim 114, wherein the vinyl polymer solution contains one or more non-gelling components.

117. (Currently amended) The injectable physically cross-linked hydrogel composition of claim 116 further comprising hyaluronic acid.

118. (Currently amended) The injectable physically cross-linked hydrogel composition of claim 116 further comprising polyacrylic acid.

119. (Currently amended) The ~~physically-crosslinked-gel~~ injectable hydrogel composition of claim 116 further comprising a therapeutic agent.

Claims 120-133. (Cancelled).